

Mr. President

I rise in support of HR 8427 which ~~is an establishment~~ has as its purpose the establishment of a retirement and disability system for certain employees of the Central Intelligence Agency. ~~and in so doing,~~ Before commenting upon the merits of the Bill itself, I should like to ~~briefly~~ ^{briefly} speak about the Agency and its place in our system of government.

The centralization of the ~~main~~ collection, coordination, collation and evaluation processes of U.S. intelligence, as we know it today, came into being with the National Security Act of 1947. This Act, ~~in addition to~~ ^{the submission of} establishing a channel for intelligence to the President, ~~the~~ established the Central Intelligence Agency as the focal point of our intelligence community; and the ~~main~~ position of the Director of Central Intelligence and his two-fold job as principal administrator of the CIA and coordinator of US ^{foreign} intelligence activities.

The circumstances, both pre-war and post war, which led to the ~~the~~ ^{consolidation} National Security Act of 1947 is too well known by the members of the Senate to require any explanation or elaboration by me. What is important, however, is the early recognition given to the fact that intelligence information is ~~an~~ ^{to the formulation of policy affecting} essential to the national security of the United States, ~~and the free world's interests,~~ as well. This need has not waned in the ~~interceding~~ ^{intervening} 18 years, ~~but~~ ^{The need} has become increasingly important with each passing year.

it features to assure that it will be applied only to those ~~main~~ employees for ^{whom} which it is intended. First, it spells out in very title and statement of purpose that it is for certain CIA employees; it does not cover the vast majority. Second, it requires that the regulations, which the Director of Central Intelligence must prepare under this bill and which will spell out the qualifying standards in detail, be approved by the chairmen and ranking minority members of the Armed Services Committees of the House and the Senate. Third, it sets ~~forth~~ forth the types of duties which qualify for coverage under the bill in general but descriptive language. Fourth, it limits the number of retirees under the system to 800 for approximately the first ten years of its operation.

I think that the Bill we have reported will assure the continuing and increasing effectiveness of the CIA. ^{Heb} ~~One~~ which is badly needed ~~now, because~~ the 20th anniversary of the Agency is but three years away, and many have been laboring under the conditions I have described for some 17 years now. Orderly planning ^{for} their retirement and for their replacements, requires ^{now} ~~action~~ ^{now}. The bill in no way over-rewards those who have dedicated their ~~lives~~ ~~and~~ working lives and sometimes their lives, to a monumental task under most onerous conditions. The bill has been tightened up in every conceivable way, consistent with security, to assure it is implemented and applied in keeping with the principles that went into its formulation. This is a good and needed Bill and is most assuredly deserving of your

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